#### LOCAL MENTION. AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT.

Hot Old Time." Bijou Theater. - High-class Vaudeville and Burlesque. Columbia Theater.-"The Passion Play."

Grand Opera House .- "McCarthy's Mis-Kernan's Lyceum Theater.-Sam Devere's Own Company.

Lafayette Square Opera House.-"Cum-berland, '61." New National Theater .- "What Happened to Jones." Central Hall.—Lecture by F. Marion Crawford on "Leo XIII in the Vatican."

Masenic Temple, 9th and F streets.-Spiritualists' Bazaar. Willard Hall.-The Biograph.

#### EXCURSIONS TOMORROW.

Steamer Samuel J. Pentz for Glymont and intermediate landings at 9:30 a.m. Steamer Harry Randall for Colonial Beach and river landings at 7 a.m. Steamer Newport News for Norfolk and Fortress Monroe at 7 p.m.

Trains leave 134 street and Pennsylvania avenue for Arlington hourly from 8 a.m. to Trains leave 131/2 street and Pennsylvania

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## B. AND O. BULLETIN. EXCURSION RATES.

Account of the holidays, tickets will be sold at the low rate of ONE AND ONE-THIRD FARE from Washington to Pitisburg, Wheeling, Parkersburg and local points between Pittsburg and Wheeling. Good going on December 24, 25 and 31, and January 1, 1828, valid for return until Jan-

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### CITY AND DISTRICT.

#### Checking of Wraps at Theaters. To the Editor of The Evening Star:

Ought not the theaters of Washington to afford facilities for checking wraps and umbiellas free or at prices which would encourage people to spare their neighbors in the audience the annovance which such burdens create. Washington is not illiberaf in its patronage to good attractions, and in some instances pays metropolitan prices of admission to companies which give precisely the same show for less money in other cities. The local theaters as a matter of reciprocity, to see the checking privileges which they let to outsiders are not abused to the detriment of the public comfort and to a corresponding diminution of the popularity of the house. An expenditure of 25 or 50 cents for

checking wraps is a not altogether trifling addition to the present large price asked for an evening's entertainment, G. V. C. December 17, 1897.

Quality is the Spirit in This Store Where quality is satisfaction is, and that is the place to spend your money. When need of butter give us your patronage, e will please you. We have all qualities. James F. Oyster, 200 Pa. ave.-Advt.

#### Against Property Qualification. The debating society of the National Uni-

versity Law School, Saturday evening, discussed the question whether or not there should be a property qualification for the exercise of franchise. Those supporting the affirmative were George N. Brown of Wvoming, T. J. Landergen of New York and William L. English of Illinois. On behalf of the negative there appeared: G. D. Mc-Questan of Utah, Joseph Chez of Indiana and C. D. Van Duzer of Nevada. The judges, Prof. Eugene Carusi, Prof. Jackson H. Ralston and Mr. Emptige, gave the decision to the negative.

After the depate musical selections were rendered by W. H. Conley, Miss Edna Scott

Smith, Miss Claudia Moore and Miss Caro-

#### Should Take the Wife Along. Dr. Sheldon Jackson, commissioner of

education in Alaska, lectured on the "Yukon," in the Church of the Covenant, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was introduced by the pastor, Rev. Teunis S.

gold in the Klondike region. In his opinion there is so much gold in Alaska that per-sons who go there ten years hence will have as good a chance as those going the com-ing spring. He told of the best sea routes to take by which to reach the gold fields, and gave much other interesting information concerning the country. He advised men going to that country to take their wives along with them, as they could get along much better with their aid.

# Plants as Presents.

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# Offenders Sentenced.

John Stewart and Joseph Carey, white youths, convicted recently in Criminal Court No. 1 of larceny from the person were sentenced Saturday by Chief Justice Bingham to six months in jail each.

Spencer Barnes, convicted of housebreaking, was sentenced to jail for nine breaking, was sentenced to jail for nine months, and Robert Blue, convicted of second offense, carrying concealed weapons, was sentenced to the New Jersey state prison, at Trenton, for one year and one

# Shall Hawali Be Annexed?

A large audience assembled in the lecture hall of St. John's College Friday afternoon to listen to the debate by members of the Azarias Literary Society of the question of Hawaiian annexation. The speeches showed careful preparation

and much research, and the several speakers were vigorously applauded in turn. ers were vigorously applicated in turn.
Mr. J. Brosran presided, and introduced Messrs. Frank Bresnahan, B. Diamord, John McCarthy, D. O'Connor and
George Harthett as the advocates of the
silirmative side of the question, and Messrs.
George Lucas, D. Lix, M. Curtin, J. J.
Earley and W. Ryan as the debaters of
the negative of the proposition. the negative of the proposition. Dr. A. J. Faust announced the decision of the judges, which was in favor of the

### THE SUNDAY SERMONS

Academy of Music.-The Rays in "A Themes Upon Which the Washington Pastors Discoursed Yesterday.

> The Joy of the Harvest-Knighthood-Rational Basis of Faith-Other Topics.

Rev. Dr. H. R. Nayler, pastor of Mc Kendree M. E. Church, preached yesterday morning on "The Joy of Harvest," and in the evening on "The Wedding Garment." "The Worker's Reward" and "Gold, Silver, Precious Stones-Wood, Hay, Stubble," were the mcrning and evening themes, respectively, yesterday of Rev. E. B. Bagby, pastor of Ninth Street Christian Church. "The Day of Small Things" and "The In-

carnation" were the themes of the discourses yesterday morning and evening of Rev. Dr. W. R. Stricklen, pastor of Hamline M. E. Church. Rev. Howard Wilbur Ennis preached on

Rev. Howard Wilbur Ennis preached on "A Model Life" in the morning and "Knighthood" in the evening before his congregation at the Western Presbyterian Church, yesterday.

Rev. Frank Sewall of the New Church delivered the fourth lecture of his course on "The Rational Basis of Faith; How is a Divine Revelation Possible?" His morn.

a Divine Revelation Possible?" His morning subject was "The Closed Door." "The Prevalent Idea of Immortality; a Platonic Fable," was the theme discussed at the meeting of the Christadelphians yesterday afternoon.

The theme of the discourse yesterday morning of Rev. Leslie Moore, pastor of the Church of Our Father, was "The Man Who Wanted to Live on This Earth Forever;" and in the evening, "I Change Not." At the Second Baptist Church, Rev. E. Hez Swem, pastor, told his congregation about "A Traveler in a Train With a Brick in His Handkerchief."

Rev. Dr. E. Olin Eldridge, pastor of Waugh M. E. Church, preached yesterday morning on "Manhood in Christ," and in the evening on "Men of the World." "A Gospel of Sunshine" and "Narrow Places" were the morning and evening themes, respectively, of Rev. J. Russell Ver. Lrycke, pastor of Gurley Memorial Church. Rev. Dr. J. J. Muir, pastor of E Street Baptist Church, selected as his themes yesterday "The Desire of All Nations" and

The Countless Throng."
"Christmas, Christ's Advent Into the "Christmas, Christ's Advent Into the Heart," was the subject of the sermon yesterday morning by Rev. Dr. Thomas Chalmers Easton, pastor of the Eastern Presbyterian Church. In the evening Dr. Easton preached or, "The Signs of the Near Approach of Christ's Second Coming."

Rev. Dr. Newman, pastor of the First Rev. Dr. Newman, pastor of the First Congregational Church, delivered last even-ing one of the series of his illustrated lec-tures on the life of St. Paul.

The closing sermon of the present series on "The Cities of the Bible—the Holy City," was delivered last evening at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Wa'lace Radcliffe. "The Silent Partner" and "Not Far From the Kingdom" were the themes yesterday, morning and evening, respectively, of Rev. Dr. Lucien Clack, pastor of Foundry M. E.

Rev. Dr. George N. Luccock, paster of Metropolitan Presbyterian Church preached yesterday morning on "Sophisms of Sin." and in the evening on "Possibilities and Limitations of Unity in the Earthly Church.

'The Law of the Sabbath" was the theme he discourse yesterday morning of Rev. Hugh Johnston, pastor of Metropolitan Dr. Hugh Johnston, paster of Metropolita. M. E. Church. President McKinley was Dr. A. S. Fiske, pastor of Gunton

Temple Church, selected for his morning theme yesterday "War, Peace and Arbitra-tion." and in the evening he gave "A Talk to Young Folks." "The Danger of Partial Reformation" ad "The Foreguner" were the morning and evening subjects, respectively, yester-day discussed by Rev. James T. Marshall, paster of Warner Memorial Church. Rev. Charles O. Cook, paster of Brookland M. E. Church, preached yesterday morning on "Fear and Trust," and in the evening on "Jesus the Way."

"Darkness and Light" was the subject of

sterday morning's sermon by Rev. Dr. M. Hartsock, paster of Ryland M. E. Church.

Rev. John Van Ness, pastor of Takoma
Rev. John Van Church, selected as the theme of his discourse yesterday morning "What the Incarration Means to Hu-

"The Day of Small Things" and "The Incarnation" were the subjects upon which Rev. Dr. W. R. Stricklen, paster of Hamline M. E. Church, preached yesterday, Bishop Hurst preached at North Capital ch yesterday morning, and Rev. Dr. Beiler, vice chancellor of the Ameri-S. L. Belier, Vice chancellor of the American University, in the evening.

Rev. John O. Knott, paster of Epworth
M. E. Church South, had for his theme yesterday morning "Poverty vs. Riches," the
second of a series of Christmas sermons,

"Hindered in the Way" and "The Whole
Armer" were the subjects of past-value.

Armer' were the subjects of yesterday's discourse by Rev. Charles T. House, pastor of Twelfth Street Church.
Rev. Dr. Huntley preached at Trinity M. E. Church yesterday evening on "War or

At Asbury Church Rev. Dr. I. L. Thomas eached yesterday morning on "The Gold-Rule.

'Prayer in the Closet" and "Peace Sunday-Peace and War," were the themes selected yesterday by Rev. Dr. S. R. Mur-ray, pastor of Fifteenth Street M. E. Church, as the basis of his morning and evening discourses, respectively. At the First Church of Christ yesterday

norning Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Linscott each poke on "Fellowship in Light and Love." Rev. Dr. McKim, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, preached last evening on "The Coming of the Bridegroom." Rev. Dr. John H. Elliott, rector of the

Church of the Ascension, selected as his theme for last evening's sermon "St. Stephen; His Witness of the Delty of Christ and to the Presence of Christ in the Hour of Death."

Rev. Dr. Talmage preached yesterday morning at the First Presbyterian Church on "The Geology of the Bible, or God Among the Rocks."

Among the Rocks. "The Coming of the Prince of Peace" was the theme of the sermon yesterday morn-ing by Rev. Dr. W. E. Parson, pastor of the Church of the Reformation.

The service yesterday morning at the People's Church, Rev. Dr. Alexander Kent,

kon," in the Church of the Covenant, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was introduced by the pastor, Rev. Teunis S. Hamlin.

The speaker told of the first discovery of gold in the Klondike region. In his opinion preached yesterday morning on "Guardian Angels and Spirits, Their Significance," and in the evening on "The Mystery of Babylon.

# BENEFIT CONCERT.

#### Program of Entertainment Given by Hyattsville Orchestra.

The Masonic Hall at Hyattsville was crowded Friday night with a large audience, the occasion being a benefit concert given by the Hyattsville Orchestra. The liberal number of encores received by the performers showed the hearers' appreciation of good music, and marked the entertainment as one of the most successful ever given in the village.

The program was as follows: Orchestra, march, "Princeton Beauty;" soprano solo, "For All Eternity," Mrs. Joseph Aman; in-strumental trio, "Masaneillo," Donizetti, "For All Eternity," Mrs. Joseph Aman; in-strumental trio, "Masaneillo," Donizetti, Miss Grace Hamlin, violin; Mr. Harry Fowler, flute; Mrs. M. R. Mayo, piano; so-prano solo, selected, Miss Edna Doe of this city; euphonium solo, selected, Mr. Chas. H. Henney; octet, "Star of Descending Night," Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Aman, Mrs. Crump and Mrs. Curry, Messrs. Richard-son, Leakin, Holden and Britt; orchestra, Grand American Fantasia, or "Tone Pic-Grand American Fantasia, or "Tone Pic-tures of the North and South;" orchestra, "Happy Days ir Dixie;" trombone selec-tion, Mr. Benj. Madert; bass solo, selected, Mr. A. R. Holden; violin and plano duct, Miss Hamlin and Mrs. Mayo; orchestra, "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The Hyattsville Orchestra is composed as follows: Violins, Miss Hamlin, Mr. Theo-dore Van Doren, Mr. Geo. S. Britt, Mr. Thos. dore van Doren, Mr. Geo. S. Britt, Mr. Thos. Havell; 'cello, Mr. Charles Havell; trom-bone, Mr. Benj. Madert; clarionet, Mr. Frank Schoerieg; cornet, Dr. G. A. Rich-ardson and Mr. Wm. Kretchmar; piano, Mr. Gilbert D. Fex; director, Prof. A. C. The proceeds of Friday night's entertainment will form a nucleus of a fund for the maintenance of the orchestra.

Elphouzo Youngs Company have a very attractive and important announcement in another column. It will pay you to look it up and road it through care-fully.—Advt. purchase of property by erroneous tax cer-tificates, especially mortgages.

ORDER OF B'NAI B'RITH. Arrangements for Entertainment of

the Coming Convention. The combined lodges of the Improved Order of the B'na B'rith of the District held a meeting at Costello's Hall Sunday at 2:30 o'clock p.m., to make further arrange ments regarding the convention to be held here in January, its first meeting in the city of Washington. It was decided to hold a banquet the evening of January 23 for the visiting delegates and their ladies. This banquet is to be held at Carroll Insti tute Hall, and a ball will be given the following evening at Masonic Temple. The master of ceremonies of the ball and toast master at the banquet will be Mr. Isaac The banquet will be given on an elaborate scale. The decorations will be something new and novel, all of which have been left in the hands of the commit-

The convention will meet daily at 10 o'clock at Masonic Temple, and the headquarters of the surreme officers will be at the Ebbitt House. The list of names of the delegates include many from all parts of the United States.

The following chairmen of committees

printing; F. Breslau, reception; F. Selinger music; H. Weiss, ladies' committee; H Rice, decoration; M. Brick, entertainment; A. Stern, auxiliary; Isaac Gans, press. These chairmen will select four members each to complete their committees. The chairmen of the different committees, with he presidents of the lodges, will constitute the executive committee. These will meet hereafter twice a week.

### PLEASING PROGRAM.

High Class Concert Given at a Mary land Town.

At Bowie, Md., a literary and musical enertainment was given recently, the proeeds of which are to be used toward making improvements in the rectory of Holy Trinity Church. The program opened with an instrumental solo, Bischoff's "Jamie," by Miss Georgie Barrett of Washington Mr. Walter C. Shannon rendered two vocal solos-a serenade, "Sleep On," and "It Was Not So To Be," from Nessler's opera "Trompeter Von Sakkingen." A sketch "The Nettle," was given by Mr. and Miss Pulizzi. Several recitations were given by Mr. Pulizzi, also, which deserve special mention. "The Holy City," sung by Miss Grace Smith, was greatly enjoyed by those present, and Mr. Wm. Ingersoll's darky songs and Mrs. Woods' vocal solo, "Good Night," added largely to the interest of the program.

Among those present from this city were Misses Josie Foertsch, Georgie Barrett, Mary Welch, Blanche Pulizzi and Mrs. Pulizzi, and Messrs. Scott Wolfe, Talbot. Pu-lizzi, Robt. M. Miller, Harry Richards, Wm. Doores and Walter C. Shannon. At the close of the entertainment refreshwere served, after which dancing was the order.

#### A Suburban Curiosity. To the Editor of The Evening Star:

I should like to be allowed the use of sufficient space in The Star to call the attention of your readers to an old landmark (sic) which is about to disappear and to suggest their making a visit to it. I refer to Providence street, Brookland, in its present condition, between 12th and 13th. All who have never seen this curlosity should do so at once. The strange spectacle of a street half street, half canal, with stalled wagons dotting its placid

surface and children fearlessly playing on its very brink, is inspiring. To be sure, this condition has its disadvantages. For instance, it is not enliv-ening on a chilly Saturday night to pass on your way home the load of coal that was designed to keep the pot boiling and the mercury from congealing over Sunday. haif sunk from sight haif a square below your house. It is not agreeable to sit shivering in a stalled buggy in the middle of the street and wait until a pontoon bridge can be constructed to get you safe to shore. Nor is it pleasant to have one's ne semi-liquid in a state resembling Adam fresh from the hand of Providence and before the clay of which he was constructed had begun to dry.

Then, too, the powers that be have (lest man should be puffed up with unseemly ark Presbyterian Church, selected as the pride over the beasts that paddle in the mud beside him) taken away the wood-en sidewalk that we used to have, and have given us in its place a nice new

> street is quite good at this season, the facilities for making mud pies is unsur-passed and after another rain the boating will be excellent.
>
> But to return, all who have not seen this semi-liquid oozing, viscid relic of a colonial country cross-road, still existing in a thickly settled street of an otherwise prosperous suburb of the national capital

> should do so, as it is to be removed at once—the Commissioners have promised. No longer will the name of Providence street call to the mind of the devout the thought that Providence alone can get us safely along it, and no longer will -its slimy depths, too soft for wheels and too tenacious for boats, make us wish for wings-we have the sacred promise of the Commissioners.
> Note-Visiting parties should come pro-

vided with ropes, in case any one should slip or be pushed in. L. M. D. December 18, 1897.

# Transfers of Real Estate.

Cleveland Park-Thos. E. Waggaman et ux. to Kirkwood Flora, parts; \$10. Le Droit Park-Mahlon Ashford et al. trustees, to American S. and T. Co., lots 43 and 48, block 8; \$4,250.

Anacostia-Albert L. Richardson to Erwin I. Hoesen et ux., south ½ lot 169; \$1,000. Fourteenth and New York avenue northwest (Hotel Oxford)-Howard P. Marshall et al., trustees, to Theo. J. Mayer, part original lots 1 and 15, square 222; \$108,500.

Seventeenth and A streets southeast—Clara M. Stine to Wm. O. Berryman, original lots 13 and 15, square 1086; \$10.

I street northeast between 6th and 7th streets—Sarah E. Emmons to Annie R. Emnons, lot 30, square 858; \$10. Azadia-Louis P. Shoemaker, executor, to John H. Carnes, part; \$1,750. Nos. 3030 and 3032 M street-P. E. Dye,

trustee, to Edith S. Black, art lots 60 and 61, square 1197; \$2,000. Fourteenth street extended—Clarence F. Norment et ux. to Chas. W. King, lots 198 to 201, Pleasant Plains; \$10.

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Appeal for Donations.

Appeal was made at the meeting of the International Brotherhood League, last evening, at Metzerott Hall, for donations of money for a Christmas tree of the lotus group, to be held at the same place Sunday afternoon next. The committee having charge of the matter is composed of Mrs D. L. Gitt, 623 F street northwest; Miss A. E. Rowell, 444 M street northwest, and Miss H. E. Coffin, 1502 21st street northwest. These ladies will receive any con-tributions that may be made, including money and clothing.

# Marine Band Concert.

The program of the concert by the United States Marine Band at marine barracks this afternoon is as follows: 1. March-"From Boston to Washington," (Dedicated to Capt. F. H. Harrington,

. Song-"Forest Devotion" (cornet solo), 5. "Echoes From Metropolitan Opera House" Tobani.
7. A Dream" (string quartet) Schuman.
7. Medley Overture Lovenberg.
8. Patriotic Hymn—"Hail Columbia"...Fyles. Tohani Concert will open at 2 p.m.

Amending Law as to Tax Sales. The Commissioners have transmitted to the chairman of each District committee in Congress the draft of a bill to amend the law relating to tax sales and taxes in the District. The object of the amendment is to re strict the benefits of the law it proposes to amend to those who are misled into the

LIGHTS (ON VEHICLES

What is Thought of the Commissioners' New Regulation.

Strong Approval of It by "A Walker" -Two Cyclists Express Their o Opinions.

The Star is in receipt of a number of communications in reference to the recent regulation requiring lights on all kinds of vehicles after dark, some advocating rigid lowing:

enforcement and some deeming the Commissioners' action a hardship, in whole or in part. From these are selected the fol-Enforce the Regulation! To the Editor of The Evening Star: I am neither a cyclist nor the owner of a

were appointed yesterday: H. Baumgarten or a beer wagon. Just a mere pedestrian,a plain every-day-and-evening foot-pas-senger, so to speak, and not an agile one, either as to powers of locomotion, nor blessed with very keen eyesight. I therefore have an interest equal to that of any-body, whether wheel owner or stable proprietor, in seeing that the new regulation requiring all moving vehicles, however pro-pelled, to carry, after a certain specified date, a lighted lamp or lamps between one hour after sunset and one hour before sun-rise shall be uniformly and rigorously en-forced. It is a long and much needed measure of protection for that class of people who do not own a vehicle of any class, and who are largely in the majority in Washington, as they are in all populous cities.

Realizing that they or their property are in little danger of being injured in consequence, it is noticable that drivers of heavy wagons take no care to avoid a collision with a lighter vehicle,—rather court it, in fact,—while the driver of the lighter one is, in turn, equally indifferent in the mat-ter of running down a person so unfor-tunate as to be on foot. The proposed rule

is therefore one distinctly in the nature of a defense for the weak and helpless; and in behalf of the thousands of men, women and children who are required to be on the street after nightfall,—often at the risk the street after nightfall,—often at the risk of life and limb, as things go now,—I implore the District Commissioners not to heed the growls and protests of those who set a little expense and trouble to themselves against the rights and safety of the community, but to stand firm, and employ the whole power of the police force and of the courts, if need be, to give full and com plete effect to their wise and just regula-tion from and after the date fixed for it to become operative. The great public, whose heart always beats right, will uphold and sustain them in that course, whatever the "kickers," who are always with us, may declare they will do or not do about it.

Dec'r 17, 1897.

A. WALKER.

A Cycler's View.

"Fair Play" writes as follows: Several correspondents have claimed in your paper to represent the great body of Washington bicyclers upon the question of lamps upon vehicles drawn by horses. One such, in Friday's Star, claims to be the spokesman for 50,000 bleyclers. I much doubt whether the 50,000 have commissioned him or any other man to speak for them. I doubt this, because I do not believe that such a large transfer or the spokesman to speak for the speak lieve that such a large number of people in Washington advocate any such dog in in Washington advocate any such dog in the manger views as the lamp advocates profess. For one, and I feel quite sure there must be thousands of other bicyclers, I entertain quite different views from your correspondents. This, because the proposi-tion is not a fair one. However desirable it might be to me as a bicycler that all vehicles should be lighted at night, yet, as a fair man. I see a vast difference in the driver's position and my own.

I ride a great deal at night, and I have never, when riding at a reasonable bace. found any difficulty in avoiding unlighted vehicles, and I don't believe any one else finds difficulty. The scorcher is always in danger and always dangerous, night and day. But the questionard scorching introduces another question. The scorcher does not acknowledge himself to be such, and when you tell him, that the danger of col-lision with unlighted vehicles arises solely from his own recklessness, he swears by all the gods of Olympus that he always goes at a snail's pace. So there you are.
The reason and a very simple reason it is, and one well understood, why bicycles should carry lights at night is because the bicycle is almost notseless. Even with the light the bicycle is, more dangerous to people on foot than is the unlighted vehicle drawn by a horse. The bicycle light does not accomplish as a warning all the pur-poses accomplished by the noisy vehicle and hoof beats. This because one hears in and hoof beats. This because one hears in all directions and sees in bot one. It is a homely proverb, but a true one, that the proof of the pudding is in chewing the bag. Will some of the advocates of lamps who represent so many thousands of their fellow mortals, and who, no doubt, having accepted so large a commission have fitted themselves to worthily repre sent so large a clientele by studying the question in all its phases, tell us the pro-portion of pedestrians run down at night by unlighted vehicles bears to the number

run down by bieyelers? The Handle Bar Clause. "Another Cyclist," under date of Decem-

ber 18, says: Last evening your correspondent, "Cyclist" defended the order requiring all vehicles to be lighted at night. That is good, but he made one bad statement: "Careful riders (not scorchers) have no fault to find with the bicycle regulations."

I am a very careful rider, no scorcher, and I find fault with the new order that handle bars must not extend more than four inches below top of saddle. This order will not trouble those whose daily riding is about one mile of asphalt pavement, but I believe every real rider knows the order is an unnecessary hardship to him, unnecessary because he can see per-fectly well where he is going, even if his handles have a drop of ten inches from the top of saddle, and a great hardship because of the great loss of power caused by the high handle bar, both on the road and especially on hills. Most of the riders in the city can testify from experience to the immense power gained by dropping the bardle bar a reasonable distance. Officialhandle bar a reasonable distance. bicycle police can testify to the

same thing.

I would be glad to see what other careful riders (not scorchers, nor mere asphalt riders) think of this new rule. same thing.

# Approve the Bill.

The Commissioners, in a letter to Senator McMillan, have recommended favorable action on Senate bill 1078, "To provide for the compulsory support of chil-dren by parents in the District of Corecommending certain slight amendments.

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The Ladies of the Union Veteran Legion, Auxiliary No. 32, gave an entertainment Friday evening at the U. V. L. Hall, 910 Pennsylvania avenue, for the benefit of its relief fund. Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, the president, presided and introduced Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, who spoke on "Patriotism." Mrs. Foster received hearty applause. The remainder of the program was largely musical, consisting of instrumental selections by Professors Yundt and Holmes of the Madrigal Quartet: Vocal solo, "Bugler," by Pinsuti, by Mr. Eugene Stevens, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Paul Sperry; piano solo, Demon Musik, by Moskowski, rendered by Miss Evelyn Anderson; vocal solo, "O, Ma Charmante," by Miss Wood; vocal solo, "Rose Tide," by Mrs. Morgan D. Lewis, accompanied by Mrs. Eugene Coffin; piano solo, Mrs. Hezard; vocal solo, by Dr. piano solo, Mrs. Hazard; vocal solo, by Dr. Noble P. Barnes, accompanied by Mrs. Shedd; vocal duet, Mrs. Morgan D. Lewis and Miss Wood; piano solo, "Fantasie Im-

Sperry.
Miss Wedding, a pupil of Miss Margaret livery stable, nor yet the imperturbable and devil-may-care driver of a furniture van A. Linton, gave as a recitation the scena between Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth. from Shiller, and was warmly applauded. Miss Margaret A. Linton gave a series of Delsarte poses, depicting the various emo-"Jesus, Lover of My Soul," which she posed with pronounced fervor, while Mrs. Morgan D. Lewis softly sang the words to Rubinstain's moledy. Rubinstein's melody.

The evening closed with a few remarks

promptu," Chopin, rendered by Mr. Paul

from Mrs. Mero L. Tanner, the national president of the Ladies of the Union Veterin Legion.

Many of the numbers were enthusiastically encored, among them those by Professors Yundt and Holmes, Mrs. Eugene Coffin, Mrs. Hazard and Dr. Shedd, respect-

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Special Correspondence of The Evening Star. ROCKVILLE, December 20, 1897.

A farm and stable on one of the farms of Mr. James G. Cashell, a short distance from Norbeck, this county, were destroyed by fire about 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Seven valuable farm horses, a lot of provender and agricultural implements were destroyed by the flames. The tenant of the farm is Mr. Vernon Beale, and the property destroyed belonged to him. It is understood the buildings were partially insured, but the stock and other articles are a total loss. The origin of the fire is unknown, but occurring at the hour it did there is a strong impression that it was of

incendiary origin.

Members-elect from this county to the Maryland legislature are making preparations for their departure to Annapolis the first week in January. This is the first time in the history of the county that a full republican delegation has been sent to the house of delegates, and much interest is manifested in the result of this change. Among the measures of interest to change. Among the measures of interest to the people of the county which it is un-derstood find favor with the delegation is that of changing the present mode of col-lecting taxes by five collectors and sub-stituting in their place a county treasurer. This plan has for several years been in operation in a number of the counties in Maryland and it is claimed to give entire satisfaction, both as regards safety and the cost of collection. The members of the delegation appear to be rather shy and non-committal on the question of the elec-tion of a United States senator to succeed Mr. Gorman, but it appears to be the impression that at least two of them favor the election of Judge McComas.

The report that a contract has been

# menced in a short time, gives much satisfaction to the people of this place and other portions of the county through which the road will pass.

given to New York parties for the build-ing of the Washington and Gettysburg railroad, and that the work will be com-

Mr. Fowle Makes Answer. In the divorce proceedings, instituted the 8th instant, by Virginia Fowle, against George A. Fowle, charging cruelty and adultery, the answer of the defendant has been filed. Mr. Fowle makes a general and emphatic denial in detail of the charges preferred by his wife, and ascribes "insane jealousy" to her. He also states that he is perfectly willing that a decree of diverce may be passed. Edward T. Semmes is the solicitor for Mr. Fowle.

# Adverse Report.

In a letter to Senator McMillan, chairman of the District committee, the Commissioners recommend adverse action on Senate bill 915, to incorporate and grant to the Washington Cooling Company the right to lay pipes for the distribution of materials for refrigerating purposes.

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THE MASONIC PAIR

Entertainment Given for Benefit of Meeting of Board of Control to Make Arrangements. The board of control in charge of the Masonic fair, to be held to raise funds for

the proposed new Masonic Temple, at its last meeting, at the rooms of the board of trade, was presided over by J. Henry Small, jr., its president, and Secretary Howard Perry, Director General Evans and all but two members of the board were present. It was reported that committees of prominent Masons of the city have been completed, and are to take charge of the different important divisions of the work of pro-

moting and managing the fair. The committee on cash contributions, headed by James L. Norris, numbers among its members many of the most prominent bankers, merchants and professional men, and is the only one of the committees not limited to actual members of the fraternity. The committee on outside contributions is headed by Frank H. Thomas. past grand commander, and embraces all the most prominent present and past officers of the various grand bodies, and contains many other names notable among the craft throughout the United States The board of control has secured a fine suite of rooms in the Lenman building, formerly used as inaugural headquar-

ing, formerly used as inaugural headquar-ters, and they are particularly well adapted for the purpose to which they are now to be devoted. They will be occupied about January 7.

There is no doubt that all the decora-tions at the Masonic fair will be, under the direction of President Small, very beautiful. There will also be great variety in the dedirection of President Small, very beautiful. There will also be great variety in the designs of the separate booths, which are to be erected by nearly every one of the fifty Masonic bodies in Washington. The ladies of the Eastern Star and the Merry Musselmen of Almas Temple, nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will also be represented in the booths. in the booths.

The committee on donations has been an-

nounced, as follows: Frank H. Thomas, chairman; Harrison Frank H. Thomas, chalrman; Harrison Dingman, vice chairman; Bennett A. Allen, secretary; J. F. R. Appleby, E. H. Cham-berlin, Rezin W. Darby, R. B. Donaldson, E. B. Hay, Noble D. Larner, Henry S. Mer-fill, Allison Nailor, jr., James L. Norris, S. C. Palmer, J. H. Small, jr., Charles H. Smith, Matthew Trimble and Frederick Weber

Another very important committee which has been appointed is the advisory committee, as follows: Thos. Sommerville, chairman; Henry L.

Biscoe, John D. Bartlett, Arthur T. Brice, R. B. Donaldson, C. C. Duncanson, E. G. Davis, Harrison Dingman, Albert F. Fox, Davis, Harrison Dingman, Albert F. Fox, Daniel Fraser, A. P. Fardon, J. R. Garri-son, George Gibson, James H. Hopkins, James F. Hood, William G. Moore, C. F. Norment, M. M. Parker, S. C. Palmer, R. Ross Perry, John W. Ross, Matthew Trim-ble, A. A. Thomas, Charles G. Thorn and ble, A. A. Thom Beriah Wilkins. The other committees will be presented and revised at the next meeting of the

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The regular session of Minnehaha Juvenile Temple, Saturday afternoon, brought out a large number of members. An hour was given to rehearsal for Christmas entertainment next Monday week.

Juvenile Temple Workers.

Five candidates were initiated; a plano solo was rendered by Annie Foley; recitations by Leale Goldsmith and Cralle Lawrenceson, and addresses by Miss Daniel, superintendent, and S. W. Russell. The temple took a recess to the second Saturday in

January.
Undine Juvenile Temple also had a session Saturday afternoon, and initiated one new member. After a merry intermission, the temple, by advice of Mrs. Bishop, superintendent, arranged to hold its next session Friday, a holiday interfering with its regular meeting.

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### Wife Gets Divorce.

Judge Hagner, in Equity Court No. 3 Saturday afternoon, signed a decree divorcing Florence J. Buchanan from Arthur Buchanan. The custody of the two young children of the couple is granted the mother, who is allowed allmony at the rate of \$45 a month.

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